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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Indonesia,* Mexico and Uruguay: draft resolution

Right to development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on the Right to Development, 1/ which it proclaimed at its forty-first session,

Recalling its resolutions 45/97 of 14 December 1990, 46/123 of 17 December 1991, 47/123 of 18 December 1992 and 48/130 of 20 December 1993, and those of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, and taking note of Commission resolution 1994/21 of 1 March 1994, 2/

Recalling also the report on the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right, 3/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries and China.

1/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 4 (E/1994/24), chap. II.

3/ E/CN.4/1990/9/Rev.1.

Recalling further the principles proclaimed in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development of 14 June 1992, 4/

Mindful that the Commission on Human Rights continues to consider this matter, which is directed towards the implementation and further enhancement of the right to development,

Recognizing the need to provide adequate resources to the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat to support the work of the Working Group on the Right to Development,

Noting the need for coordination and cooperation throughout the United Nations system for the more effective promotion of the right to development,

Recognizing that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights have important roles to play in the promotion and protection of the right to development,

Reaffirming the need for action at the national and international levels by all Member States to realize all human rights, and the need for relevant evaluation mechanisms to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Right to Development,

Welcoming the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 5/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, which reaffirms the right to development as a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of all fundamental human rights and reaffirms that the human person is the central subject of development,

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration examined the relationship between democracy, development and human rights, and recognizing the importance of creating a favourable environment in which everyone may enjoy their human rights as set out in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also that, in order to promote development, equal attention and urgent consideration should be given to the implementation, promotion and protection of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, recognizing that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and that the universality, objectivity, impartiality and non-selectivity of the consideration of human rights issues must be ensured,

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4/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex I.

5/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

Noting that aspects of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, held at Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994, 6/ are relevant to the universal realization of the right to development,

Welcoming the convening of the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), and affirming that those conferences constitute important international steps towards the realization of the right to development, within the context of promoting and protecting all human rights,

Taking note with appreciation of the continuing work of the Working Group on the Right to Development during its three sessions, held at Geneva, from 8 to 19 November 1993, from 2 to 12 May 1994 and from 3 to 14 October 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the right to development, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/130, 7/

1. Reaffirms the importance of the right to development for every human person and all peoples in all countries, in particular the developing countries;

2. Takes note of the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the right to development; 7/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of Commission resolution 1994/21;

4. Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights to consider carefully the reports of the Working Group on the Right to Development and to request the Working Group in fulfilling its mandate to continue to examine and sustain attention to all relevant aspects of the right to development, with a view to making recommendations for enhancing the universal realization of the right to development, through the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration on the Right to Development, reaffirmed by the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

5. Requests the Centre for Human Rights to continue to be forthcoming in providing adequate services and logistical support to the Working Group on the Right to Development to ensure the smooth functioning of its meetings;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue coordination of the various activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

6/ See A/CONF.171/13, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

7/ A/49/653.

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to ask the Centre for Human Rights to provide a programmatic follow-up on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

8. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, within his mandate, to continue to take steps for the promotion and protection of the right to development by, inter alia, working in conjunction with the Centre for Human Rights and drawing on the expertise of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system related to the field of development;

9. Supports the current initiatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, within his mandate, to consult with all relevant bodies, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system on how they may promote the right to development;

10. Invites the regional commissions and regional intergovernmental organizations to consider how they may contribute to the realization of the right to development, including through convening meetings of governmental experts and representative non-governmental and grass-roots organizations for the purpose of seeking arrangements or agreements for the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development through international cooperation;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session and the General Assembly at its fiftieth session of the activities of the organizations, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration;

12. Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the question, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration on the Right to Development, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Global Consultation on the Realization of the Right to Development as a Human Right and the reports of the Working Group on the Right to Development;

13. Reiterates its commitment to implementing the results of the World Conference on Human Rights, which reaffirm that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that democracy, development and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;

14. Calls upon States Members of the United Nations to address within the declaration and programme of action to be adopted by the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the platform of action to be adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women the elements for the promotion and protection of the principles of the right to development, as set out in the Declaration on the Right to Development;

15. **Decides** to consider this question at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".